

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No.	:	10/065,280	Confirmation No. :	5694
Applicants	:	Leung et al.		
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Group Art Unit	:	3734		
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Customer No.	:	24239		
Title	:	BARBED SUTURES		

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. Payment of the petition fee is being authorized via electronic funds transfer. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any extra amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to deposit account no. **13-4365**.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.